WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC

ORDER NO. 3775

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 12, 1991

Application of NATIONAL CHILDREN'S) Case No. AP-91-01 CENTER, INC., for a Certificate of)
Authority -- Irregular Route)
Operations)

By application filed December 11, 1990, supplemented April 19, 1991, and May 16, 1991, National Children's Center, Inc. (Children's or applicant), a District of Columbia corporation, seeks a Certificate of Authority to transport passengers, in irregular route operations between points in the Metropolitan District.

Applicant would initiate service by transporting transportation-disadvantaged persons */ for the account of the Medicaid Program of the District of Columbia's Department of Human Services. It would appear that 17 vehicles would be available to perform this service. The vehicles range in seating capacity from 14 to 44 passengers. Eight of the vehicles are capable of accommodating wheelchairs.

The application contains, among other things, information regarding applicant's facilities, vehicle maintenance program, minimum requirements for drivers, finances, and regulatory compliance record.

In determining whether to grant or deny an application for a Certificate of Authority, the Compact at Title II, Article XI, Section 7, requires that the Commission determine whether an applicant is fit, willing, and able to perform that transportation properly and conform to the provisions of the Compact and the Commission's rules, regulations, and requirements and that the transportation is consistent with the public interest. Pursuant to Commission Rule No. 6, this order and fulfillment of its requirements will provide notice of Children's application for a Certificate of Authority. The application is available for inspection at the office of the Commission during its regular business hours.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That National Children's Center, Inc., shall publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, and shall post continuously and conspicuously in each of its revenue

^{*/} Transportation-disadvantaged persons are those individuals who by reason of age, physical or mental disabilities are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to utilize transportation facilities and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected. See Order No. 2015, served August 7, 1979.

vehicles through the deadline for filing protests, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission, no later than Friday, June 21, 1991.

- 2. That National Children's Center, Inc., shall file with the Commission no later than Monday, July 22, 1991, an original and four copies of affidavits that notice has been published and posted as required in the preceding paragraph.
- 3. That National Children's Center, Inc., shall file with the Commission, no later than 15 days from the date of this order, an original and four copies of the following: (a) a list of the names and business addresses of five principal stockholders, shareholders, or other owners (whichever applicable) and their respective holdings as provided in the application form; (b) for each vehicle equipped to transport non-ambulatory passengers, a description of the type and amount of such equipment; and (c) a description of the use to which vehicles are currently being put, if any.
- 4. That any person wanting to protest this application shall do so in accordance with Commission Rule No. 13 and Regulation No. 54-04(a), and any person wanting to comment on this matter, other than by protest, shall do so in writing, in accordance with Regulation No. 54-04(a), no later than Monday, July 22, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest or notice on applicant's representative, Vernon A. Williams, Esquire, 2041 Martin Luther King Avenue, S.E., Suite 301, Washington, DC 20020.
- That any person seeking oral hearing on this matter shall request one in accordance with Commission Regulation No. 54-04(b) no later than Monday, July 22, 1991, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such request on applicant's representative, Vernon A. Williams, Esquire, 2041 Martin Luther King Avenue, S.E., Suite 301, Washington, DC 20020.

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